



# Trust Management ESG International Bond Fund

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## Strategy

To provide investors with a diversified exposure to international fixed interest investments that meet certain ethical investment criteria. The Fund invests in the Nuveen Global Sustainable Bond Fund, an Irish-domiciled UCITS fund managed by Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC.

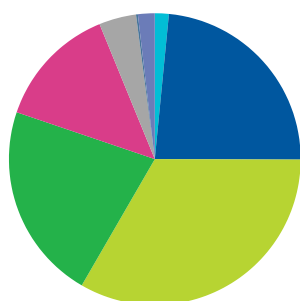
## Market Commentary

Global fixed income markets experienced a challenging end to the March quarter, driven by a sharp reassessment of inflation risks and interest-rate expectations. Heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East led to a significant spike in energy prices, which in turn unsettled bond markets and reversed some of the positive momentum seen over preceding quarters.

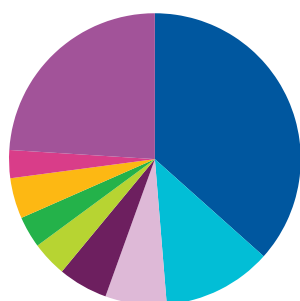
Central banks broadly held policy rates steady at their March meetings. However, communications adopted a more cautious tone, with policymakers signaling an increased sensitivity to medium-term inflation risks on the back of higher inflationary pressures. Market expectations for interest rate cuts were pushed further out, contributing to upward pressure on yields through March and weighing on bond returns.

The Trust Management ESG International Bond Fund, managed by Nuveen, delivered a result broadly in line with global bond markets over the March quarter. The Fund's emphasis on credit quality and diversification helped performance during a volatile period. The Fund continues to invest across global fixed income markets with a strong sustainability lens, targeting issuers that demonstrate ESG leadership or provide measurable social and environmental impact.

## Credit Rating Breakdown



## Regional Allocation



## Objective

To generate a total return that exceeds the return of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (100% hedged to NZ dollars), subject to meeting certain ethical investment criteria, before taking into account fees and expenses.

### Fund Value

**NZD  
\$42,167,133**

### Average Annual Return

**4.4%<sup>1</sup>** Since inception Sep 2005  
Before fees and expenses

### Annual Fund Charges

**0.40%**

### Minimum Suggested Timeframe

**3 years**

## Performance to 31 March 2026

	Fund Return
3 months	-0.5%
1 year	3.0%
3 years pa	3.4%
5 years pa	0.2%
10 years pa	1.6%
Inception pa	4.4%

Returns are before fees, expenses and tax, and annualised for periods longer than one year. Inception date: 1 September 2005. Performance calculations for the Funds comprise the returns for the Trust Investments Group Investment Funds up to and including 31 March 2020 and for the Trust Management PIE Funds Scheme from 1 April 2020.

<sup>1</sup>The Trust Management ESG International Bond Fund transitioned its assets from BlackRock to Nuveen in June 2025, while at the same time the investing style for the Fund switched from a passive management style to an active management style that aims to outperform the market. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future returns.

### Impact Allocations (%)

	% of Fund
Natural resources	11.00%
Renewable energy & climate change	20.10%
Community and economic development	10.80%
Affordable housing	5.60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.00%</b>

### Portfolio Statistics

	Fund
Number of positions	403
Option adjusted duration (years)	5.52
Average maturity (years)	7.48
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.93

### Nuveen Portfolio Managers



Jessica  
Zarzycki,  
CFA®

Portfolio Manager  
18 years industry experience



Stephen M.  
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CFA®

Portfolio Manager  
31 years industry experience

### ESG Integration

The underlying fund's investment objective is to direct capital to two categories of securities:

- Impact Fixed Income securities: These are publicly traded fixed-income securities that finance initiatives in areas that Nuveen, through its proprietary analysis, believes have social or environmental benefits including (i) renewable energy and climate change; (ii) natural resources; (iii) community and economic development; (iv) affordable housing.
- ESG Leaders: issuers that demonstrate leading behaviour on material environmental, social and governance factors relative to their peers.

### Top Holdings

Top 10 Holdings	% of Fund
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT /CNH/ EMTN SER GMTN	2.75%
UNITED STATES TREASURY NOTE	1.72%
BUNDESOBLIGATION /EUR/ REGD REG S S	1.11%
FANNIE MAE POOL UMBS P#MA5353	1.01%
UNITED KINGDOM GILT /GBP/ REGD REG	1.00%
UNITED STATES TREASURY BOND	0.92%
UNITED STATES TREASURY BOND	0.86%
POLAND GOVERNMENT BOND /PLN/ REGD SER 0429	0.82%
CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK REGD REG S	0.82%
PRINCIPAL LFE GLB FND II REGD 144A P/P	0.80%

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